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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a four-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 27, 2000, said period of response being extended from July 27, 2000 to November 27, 2000.

Our check in the amount of \$1,360.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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